STAFFORD COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Agenda Consideration

TOPIC: Safe & Drug Free Schools, Emergency Response, and Crisis Management Grant

ITEM NO: 4E

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ACTION REQUESTED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT: That the School Board receive for information an overview of the Safe & Drug Free Schools, Emergency Response, and Crisis Management Grant recently obtained from the U.S. Department of Education.

KEY POINTS:

♦ Stafford County Public Schools, Department of Safety, Security, & Risk Management successfully obtained a $226,364.00, U.S. Department of Education, Safe & Drug Free Schools, Emergency Response, and Crisis Management Grant on October 1, 2005.

♦ The Emergency Response and Crisis Management Grant is designed to assist local educational agencies in improving and strengthening emergency response plans at both the division and school building levels.

♦ The grant funding will address four phases of emergency response:
- Prevention/mitigation
- Preparedness
- Response
- Recovery

Training will emphasize emergency response procedures for school personnel, students, and parents.

♦ The Department of Safety, Security, & Risk Management will join with several County Departments (Sheriff's; Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Services; Mental Health Services) and select private schools to insure an integrated response effort and to strengthen individual emergency response and crisis plans.

♦ The grant will be implemented over a duration of 18 months. The grant will culminate with two full-scale mock exercises, which will allow our community the opportunity to plan, practice, evaluate, and react to a simulated crisis situation.

SCHOOL BOARD GOAL: Goal #7 - Provide school environments where teachers are safe to teach and students are safe to learn.

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